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- 25X1 1. Max Schwarz, prominent East-West trader in scrap metals who after six months
in an Austrian prison was released on a 600,000 schilling bail.
- 25X1 Prior to his departure from Austria, Schwarz delegated as his Vienna
representatives Igor Hacker and one Braun.*
- 25X1 2. Hacker and Braun meet frequently with Avdeyev (sic), acting director of USIA's Central
Commercial Bureau and Dr. Alfred Hutschenegger, Austrian director of the Com-
mercial Bureau, in the Schwarzenberg Cafe on Kaerntnerring 17 in the International
Sector of Vienna.
- 25X1 Comment: Hacker allegedly resides in Vienna II (Soviet Sector).
- 25X1 Comment: Hacker, Schwarz' handy man, was arrested with Schwarz. He is
72 years old, a former inmate of Nazi concentration camps, who is regarded
merely as a paid clerk rather than one of Schwarz' accomplices. Braun, a
former SS officer, has been described as a small time scrap operator who works
closely with the Soviets. Braun allegedly participated in the Austrian Com-
munist Party extortion racket which was aimed at Schwarz.

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